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## President Shelly and Water Rights Commission To Hold Water Rights Public Forums

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.-** Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly announced that he plans to hold several public forums about a recently introduced Senate bill that proposes to settle Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe water rights.

The forums will be held in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission.

Sen. Jon Kyl introduced the “Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2012” into the U.S. Senate in February this year. S. 2109 proposes to settle water claims and litigation regarding the Little Colorado River.

“We need to make sure our Navajo people are informed about this bill. Water rights is always a sensitive subject, so as a leader, I must make sure our people understand what this bill means to our people,” said President Shelly.

If the bill passes through both Congressional bodies, it would still need the approval of President Barack Obama, the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe before it’s finalized.

The following is the schedule of public forums on the Little Colorado River Water Rights. All meetings are scheduled at 4:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the respective location indicated.

- **April 17, 2012** Greyhills High School Auditorium, Tuba City, Ariz.
- **April 18, 2012** Pinon High School Auditorium, Pinon, Ariz.
- **April 19, 2012** Ganado Field House, Ganado, Ariz.
- **April 20, 2012** Oak Springs Chapter House, Oak Springs, Ariz.
- **April 24, 2012** Leupp Chapter House, Leupp, Ariz.
- **April 25, 2012** Teesto Chapter House, Teesto, Ariz.

- **April 26, 2012** Fort Defiance Chapter House, Fort Defiance, Ariz.

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